

APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

Legal Applicant: Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives - ODJFS and Community **Application ID:** 13AC147952

Program Name: AmeriCorps PATH

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

Reviewers' Summary Comments:

- (+) The applicant clearly justifies that need exists in the targeted communities by citing a recent Attorney General's report that estimates over 1,000 Ohio children are victims of human sex trafficking every year, with thousands more at risk of becoming potential targets. The applicant describes how Toledo is especially vulnerable to the human trafficking epidemic with a large transient and immigrant population and with major highways to other states and the Canadian border. Toledo is the fourth largest recruitment site for human trafficking in the country.
- (+) The applicant clearly describes that the community problem it will serve on is prevention of human trafficking.
- (+) Severity of need is documented by a federal study that shows the target area is the 4th largest human trafficking site in the nation.
- (+) The application provides specific examples such as education, outreach, serving within the drop-in center/shelter, and community Capacity Building.
- (+) Through its discussion of the expanding and developing core initiatives including increasing services to 24/7, the application provides a compelling description of what the organization would accomplish with AmeriCorps members that it would be able to accomplish otherwise through existing services.
- (+) The application indicates the need for 26 full-time Members.
- (+) The applicant clearly explains that the population of Toledo (Lucas County) was selected as the target population because it is the fourth largest recruitment site for human trafficking in the country.
- (-) No source is cited to substantiate the claim that there were 120 runaway youth per month in 2009 nor is there any mention what area is being reported.
- (-) The applicant describes the PATH program, but does not discuss whether this program is evidence-based or evidence-informed.
- (-) The applicant describes its objectives; however, it does not quantify them. It also offers no baseline data to measure potential impact.